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U. S. ARMY LACKING IN EQUIPMENT, SHORTAGE IN HEAVY ARTILLERY, SHORTAGE IN OTHER ORDNANCE AND SOME DEFICIENCY IN CLOTHING; MUCH OF CONGRESSMAN'S TESTIMONY CONTRADICTS GEN. CROZIER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Much of the testimony regarding the equipment of American forces abroad given to the senate investigating committee by Maj. Gen. Wm. Crozier, chief of ordnance, was contradicted today by representative Medill McCormick, recently returned from the battle front and who was heard by the committee in executive session. In heavy artillery, representative McCormick told the committee, the American overseas forces are particularly deficient. He also told of shortages in other ordnance and some deficiencies in clothing. Mr. McCormick's testimony was said to have sharply contradicted

GOV. STEPHENS'S HOUSE WRECKED

Dynamiters Try to Kill California Governor But Only Damage Property.

Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 18.—Police were without a clue today to the identity of persons thought responsible for an explosion which damaged the official residence of Gov. William D. Stephens late last night. Gov. Stephens and members of his household were asleep in the building, but were not injured. The mansion was only slightly damaged. Police today attributed the explosion to dynamite but rejected the theory that the explosive had been thrown against a foundation from an alleyway, a distance of approximately 40 feet. It was pointed out that a charge of dynamite could have been placed against the rear of the house while the watchman was making his rounds.

WATER BOMB BIG TEST

Henry Claiborne, night watchman, said he made an inspection at the corner of the building where the explosion occurred just a few minutes before the blast was heard, and found nothing. He said a scheme he devised for detecting whether the gates had been opened indicated plainly that no one passed through them. The last person admitted to the mansion about 11:30 p. m. Police say the explosion happened between that hour and midnight.

NO MOTIVE IN SIGHT

No motive has been conceived yet for the affair. It was pointed out by friends that the governor's official life has been free from threatening letters even from persons who may have had fancied grievances.

WALL IN BLOWN AWAY

A hole several feet in depth and at least five feet in breadth was torn in the building beneath an overhanging bay window at the rear of the structure and the wall was blown away. The neighborhood was alarmed and a crowd was on the scene a few minutes after the explosion.

BELIEVE PRO-GERMANS DID IT

A clue to the perpetrators was sought today by the police.

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Portugal has German and Austrian ministers pledged aid to allies. It is announced that the German and Austrian ministers have pledged aid to the allies. The German minister, Dr. von Kuehmann, and the Austrian minister, Count Czernin, have notified Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik foreign minister, that they will arrive at Brest-Litovsk today to begin negotiations for a general European peace.

NEW GOVERNMENT DENIES ANY WAVERING; WILL REMAIN IN WAR. REVOLUTION IS SOLELY INTERNAL

Has No Effect On External Policy; German Propaganda Is Denounced.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Allegiance of the new government of Portugal was pledged to the allies today in a statement issued at the Portuguese legation, which also denied that the recent revolution was brought about in the interests of Germany. The statement follows: "Efforts are being made in certain quarters to suggest the idea that the recent revolution in Portugal was carried out in the interest of the monarchy with the assistance of Spanish and other foreign elements and that it was essentially a movement in favor of Germany and against the allies. Their character can clearly be ascertained by noting the quarters in which they are put forth."

BRITISH NAVAL COMMANDERS MAY PAY PENALTY AS RESULT OF GERMAN RAID DISASTER

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 18.—The successful attack by German warships on a convoy in the North Sea, resulting in the sinking of 11 vessels, as announced in the house of commons yesterday, came as an uncomfortable surprise to the British public. It is expected to cause a revival of serious criticism of the admiralty, as at the time of the successful German attack on a convoy of Scandinavian merchantmen in October. Added to this is the raid on the Tynes last Wednesday by German warships. As a result of these two expeditions, one British destroyer was sunk, another seriously damaged, five trawlers and eight merchantmen have been sent to the bottom, and a number of men have been killed, wounded or taken prisoner.

PRISONERS TAKEN IN NAVAL RAID, GERMANY SAYS

Berlin, Germany, Dec. 18.—The following official communication was issued yesterday dealing with German naval attacks on commercial traffic in the North Sea last Wednesday: "Simultaneously with an attack on commercial traffic on the English east coast, our light forces on Wednesday, under command of Lieut. Capt. von Kolbe, again attacked a convoy."

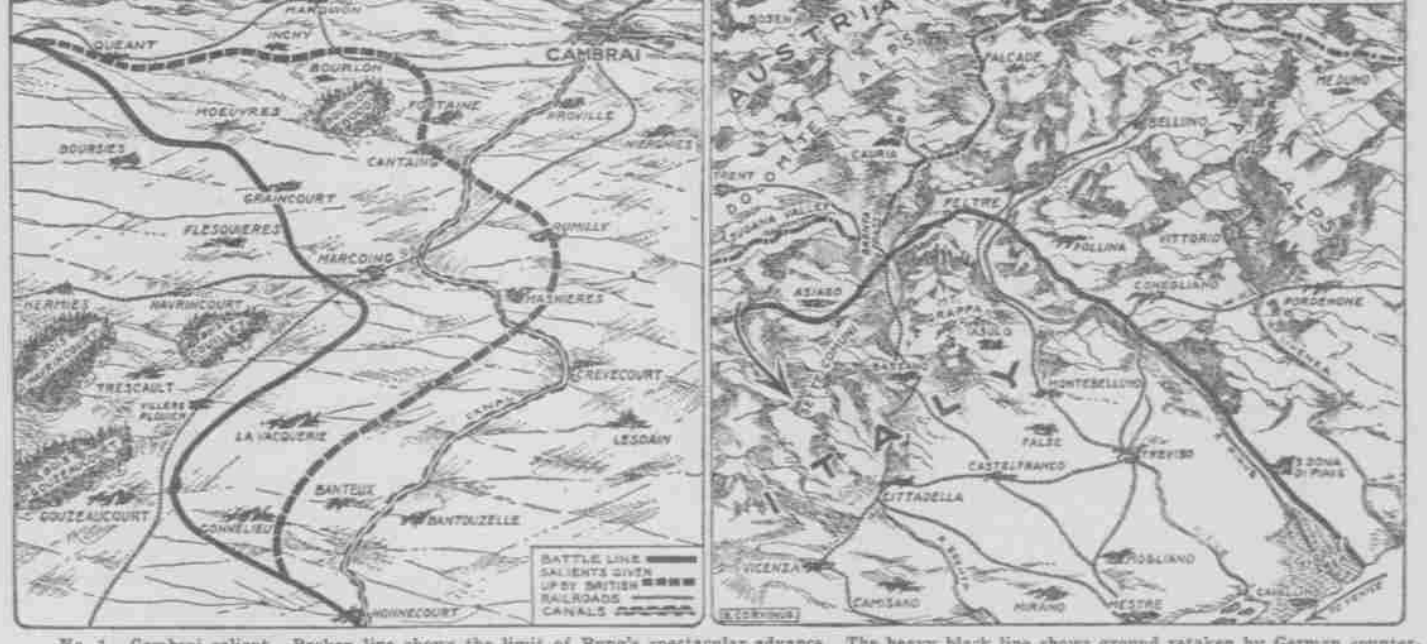
ALL ATTACKERS ESCAPED

According to Danish accounts, the force which attacked the convoy consisted of four cruisers, the torpedo boat destroyer Partridge and four armed vessels, were destroyed in battle. The English destroyer Pelican escaped damage.

WOULD HAVE WILSON NAME FREIGHT TRAFFIC DIRECTOR

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Appointment by the president of a general freight traffic director to coordinate and unify the transportation facilities during the war, was provided in a joint resolution introduced today by Senators Starke and referred to the interstate commerce committee.

MAP SHOWING THE EUROPEAN WAR OPERATIONS



No. 1. Cambrai salient. Broken line shows the limit of Byg's spectacular advance. The heavy black line shows ground retaken by German counter-attacks in last few days.

HOPE FORCES TO GET READY FOR BIG SPRING DRIVE

NEW TROOPS WILL BE OVER 43 YEARS OLD AND SOME UNDER 18

With Help of Allies, Italy Hopes to Overcome Enemy's Numerical Superiority and Launch a Big Campaign to Drive Austrian and German Forces Out of Italy; Germany's Latest Blows Fail

ROME, Italy, Dec. 18.—Driven to extreme action by superiority of enemy numbers, the government has called up new contingents of troops to help drive Germany and Austria out of Italy. The clamor of troops heretofore mobilized consist of all eligible and fit men between the ages of 18 and 42 years. Those over or under these ages, possibly both.

Big Offensive Planned?

With the aid which the British and French are giving Italy, the government expects by calling up the new classes to be on equal footing with the enemy in any eventualities. There are rumors that the allies are already making preparations for a general offensive next spring to drive Austria and German troops out of the country.

ANTILLES'S MEN PROVE HEROES

Secretary of Navy and Naval Officers Command Conduct of Crew.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Secretary of the navy, Daniels has written to Robert A. Ausburn, commanding his brother, C. L. Ausburn, radio electrician on the army transport Antilles, who went down with his ship, torpedoed October 17, Ausburn, instead of trying to save his life, stuck to his station to give warning signals, shouting "Good Bye" to his men.

SMALL BRITISH SAVINGS

HELPING TO WIN THE WAR

New York, Dec. 18.—How the British war savings campaign was made a success by the war savings certificate, which has served as a model for the American war savings certificate, was the subject of a lecture given by Basil P. Blackett, C.B., of the British treasury.

AMERICAN BRITISH OFFICER IS AWARDED THE D. S. O.

London, Eng., Dec. 18.—The distinguished service order has been awarded to Lieut. Walter G. Parkman, Jr., of El Paso, a grandson of Roscoe Conkling for gallantry in the Cambrai battle, where he was wounded for the third time.

NOTHING TO REPORT

London, Eng., Dec. 18.—There is no news of any importance from the front, says today's official communication.

Iowa People Are Eager Readers of The Herald

Sheldon, Iowa, Dec. 15, 1917.

Editor El Paso Herald: We greatly appreciate the El Paso Herald, it being the very best war newspaper we receive, besides giving all the Camp Cody news. We have two sons in the 34th division. As soon as the family reads our copy, it is taken downtown to the reading room and left on a table for the home town boys, who watch eagerly for it. The season's greeting from the north.

Yours very truly, MRS. G. E. POWELL.